GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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INDIAN DRUG INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Indian drug industry is in a position to meet 70% of requirement and entire demand of the formulations;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether it is also a fact that the industry has become global and earning foreign exchange by exporting huge quantity of medicines; and

(d) If so, the total foreign exchange earned by the Industry during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Indian Drug Industry is able to meet the requirement of bulk drugs in a significant measure and of almost the entire range of formulations except certain new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics.

(c) & (d): The Indian Drug Industry exports a wide range of drugs and formulations to a number of countries including the developed ones. The value of exports of drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals during the last three years has been as under:

Year	Value (Rs. Crores)
1998-99	6256.06
1999-2000	7230.16
2000-2001 (provisional)	8729. 89

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)